Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** An autonomous device for blanking out the light radiation emitted by at least one star, ~~**where**~~ **wherein** the device includes **control** means ~~**designed to control**~~ **for controlling a** propulsion means **for moving or stopping** ~~**which themselves are designed to move or stop**~~ the device in space and/or in a pseudo-orbit in space around an observation telescope that includes an observation aperture, **wherein the device includes** ~~**including**~~ a blanking screen, with the control means of the propulsion means **[[also]]** being **also for positioning** ~~**designed to position**~~ the screen on a line of sight between the telescope and the star during a period of observation, so that the light radiation from the star is at least partially blanked from the observation aperture of the telescope during the **[[said]]** observation period.

2. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, wherein one blanking dimension of the screen is of the order of magnitude of the observation aperture of the telescope.

3. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 1, wherein the screen is flexible**, or** ~~**and/or**~~ articulated**, or both**.

4. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 3, the screen includes means designed to deploy or fold the screen.

5. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 1, including means **for moving** ~~**designed to move**~~ the screen in relation to the device in order to modify the degree of blanking of the light from the star in relation to the observation aperture of the telescope.

6. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 1, also including reflectors of a laser signal, or radio responders, for positioning the device.

7. **(Currently amended)** A device according to claim 1, wherein the propulsion means are also **for positioning** ~~**designed to position**~~ the device in a pseudo-orbit around the telescope.

8. **(Currently amended)** An assembly **comprising** ~~**that includes an observation telescope which includes an observation aperture including**~~ at least one device according to claim 1 **and the observation telescope**.

9. (Previously Presented) An assembly according to claim 8, wherein the telescope includes reflectors of a laser signal or radio responders for positioning the telescope.

10. **(Currently amended)** A method for at least partial blanking of the light radiation emitted by at least one star from the observation aperture of an observation telescope in space, ~~**where**~~ **wherein** the blanking occurs during a period of observation, **comprising controlling** ~~**including steps in which control is exercised over means that are designed to control**~~ the propulsion means of at least one autonomous blanking device in a pseudo-orbit in space around the telescope ~~**in order to position**~~ **and positioning** a screen of the device on the line of sight between the telescope and the star during the said observation period.

11. **(Currently amended)** A method according to claim 10, ~~**wherein**~~ **further comprising determining** the position of the blanking device and of the telescope ~~**are determined by means of**~~ **using** at least one radio or laser burst.

12. **(Currently amended)** A method according to claim 10, **further comprising modifying** ~~**wherein, in order to modify**~~ the degree of blanking of the light from the star in relation to the observation aperture of the telescope~~**, means are employed to move**~~ **by moving** the screen in relation to the device.